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OAKHAM
RURAL DISTRICT COUNCIL
ANNUAL REPORT
of the
MEDICAL OFFICER OF HEALTH
for the
YEAR ENDING
31ST DECEMBER, 1966

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OAKHAM RURAL DISTRICT COUNCIL

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1966

GENERAL STATISTICS

| | | | | | | | | | | |
|--|----|----|----|----|----|----|----|----|----|--------------|
| Area (in acres) | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | 52,551 |
| Registrar General's estimate of population | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | 12,570 |
| Number of inhabited houses | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | 3,122 |
| Rateable Value.. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | £324,592 |
| Sum represented by a penny rate | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | £1327-6-10d. |

VITAL STATISTICS

| | <u>Males</u> | <u>Females</u> | <u>Total</u> |
|--------------------------|--------------|----------------|--------------|
| Live-Births - Legitimate | 120 | 95 | 215 |
| Illegitimate | <u>3</u> | <u>3</u> | <u>6</u> |
| | 123 | 98 | 221 |
| | <u>==</u> | <u>==</u> | <u>==</u> |

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|--|------------|----------------|-----------------------|
| | | | <u>E & W 1966</u> |
| Live Birth Rate | Crude 17.6 | Corrected 17.8 | 17.7 |
| Death Rate | Crude 9.3 | Corrected 12.2 | 11.7 |
| Infant Mortality Rate per 1,000 live births | 31.7 | | 19.0 |

CAUSES OF DEATH

| | <u>Males</u> | <u>Females</u> |
|---|--------------|----------------|
| Syphilitic Disease | 1 | - |
| Other Infective Diseases | 1 | - |
| Malignant Neoplasm, Stomach | 1 | 1 |
| Malignant Neoplasm, Lung, Bronchus | 2 | 1 |
| Malignant Neoplasm, Breast | - | 1 |
| Other Malignant and Lymphatic Neoplasms | 2 | 5 |
| Vascular Lesions of Nervous System | 7 | 12 |
| Coronary Disease, Angina | 7 | 4 |
| Hypertension with heart disease | - | 4 |
| Other heart disease | 7 | 10 |
| Other circulatory disease | 1 | 9 |
| Pneumonia | 8 | 3 |
| Bronchitis | 3 | - |
| Other Diseases of Respiratory System | 1 | - |
| Ulcer of Stomach and Duodenum | 1 | - |
| Nephritis and Nephrosis | 1 | - |
| Hyperplasia of Prostate | 1 | - |
| Congenital malformations | 1 | - |
| Other defined and ill defined diseases | 3 | 6 |
| Motor vehicle accidents | 2 | - |
| All other accidents | 7 | 2 |
| Suicide | 1 | 1 |
| | <u>58</u> | <u>59</u> |

PUBLIC HEALTH OFFICERS OF THE AUTHORITY

Medical Officer of Health

W.L. Palmer, MB.BS, DPH, DTM & H

Public Health Inspector

G.E. Wells, Royal Sanitary Institute and Sanitary Inspector's Examination, Royal Sanitary Institute, Meat and Other Foods; & Certificates in General Hygiene and Sanitary Engineering.

The Public Health Inspector is also the Surveyor of the Rural District.

LABORATORY FACILITIES

Examination of specimens from this area was carried out during the year at the Public Health Laboratory, Leicester as follows:-

| | | | | | | | | | |
|-----------------------|----|----|----|----|----|----|----|----|-----------|
| Nose and Throat Swabs | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | 21 |
| Faeces and Urines | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | 9 |
| Water | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | 9 |
| Food | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | 9 |
| | | | | | | | | | <u>48</u> |

PREVALANCE OF AND CONTROL OVER INFECTIOUS AND
OTHER DISEASES.

Notifiable Diseases (other than Tuberculosis) during 1966

| <u>Disease</u> | <u>Total cases</u> <u>Notified.</u> | <u>Cases Admitted</u> <u>to Hospital.</u> | <u>Total</u> <u>Deaths.</u> |
|----------------|--|--|--------------------------------|
| Measles | 19 | - | - |
| Scarlet Fever | 5 | - | - |
| Whooping Cough | 2 | - | - |
| Dysentery | 2 | 1 | - |

| <u>Disease</u> | <u>Under</u> <u>1</u> | <u>1</u> <u>2</u> | <u>2</u> <u>3</u> | <u>3</u> <u>4</u> | <u>4</u> <u>5</u> | <u>5</u> <u>9</u> | <u>10</u> <u>14</u> | <u>15</u> <u>24</u> | <u>25</u> <u>44</u> | <u>45</u> <u>64</u> | <u>Over 65</u> |
|----------------|--------------------------|----------------------|----------------------|----------------------|----------------------|----------------------|------------------------|------------------------|------------------------|------------------------|----------------|
| Measles | - | 1 | - | 4 | 2 | 10 | - | 2 | - | - | - |
| Scarlet Fever | - | - | - | - | 1 | 4 | - | - | - | - | - |
| Whooping Cough | - | - | - | - | - | 2 | - | - | - | - | - |
| Dysentery | - | - | - | 1 | - | - | - | - | 1 | - | - |

TUBERCULOSIS

I am pleased to report that no new cases were notified during the year.

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SANITARY CIRCUMSTANCES OF THE AREA

Water Supply

Number of Samples taken for analysis:-

| | |
|-------------------------------|---|
| (a) from wells | 3 |
| (b) from piped supply | 6 |

Results from Samples taken:-

| | | |
|-------------------------|------------------------|---|
| (a) from wells:- | Satisfactory | 2 |
| | Unsatisfactory | 1 |
| (b) from piped supply:- | Satisfactory | 5 |
| | Unsatisfactory | 1 |

Number of wells:-

| | |
|------------------------------------|---|
| (a) closed. | 1 |
| (b) cleansed, repairs etc. | 1 |

Number of cases in which piped supply was provided 123

Number of Parishes with pipe water supply:-

| | |
|-------------------------------------|----|
| (a) from public mains | 24 |
| (b) from private reservoirs | 2 |

Number of Parishes without a piped water supply 2

During the year one hundred and twenty three additional water connections to houses were made and piped water supplies are now available to practically the whole of the dwellings in the Rural District. Only two parishes with very few houses, namely Leighfield and Martinsthorpe, are without public or private piped water supplies.

There are private water supplies to thirty properties at Eggleton and Gunthorpe. During 1966 work was commenced by the Leicester City Corporation of laying a new 6" water main between Oakham and Manton to improve supplies generally in the District. Since this new main will pass through the parishes of Eggleton and Gunthorpe it is possible that later on premises there will receive water from the new main instead of from their own private village supplies. Cottesmore Aerodrome has its own water supply to five-hundred and thirty-two houses at the Married Quarters there.

Water is provided to over two thousand premises in the remaining twenty-four parishes from the mains of the Leicester City Corporation, which acquired this Council's water undertaking in 1959. Existing supplies in the more northerly parishes have been augmented by the Corporation from its mains in adjoining Districts. The Leicester City Corporation has also taken over the responsibility of supplying water to the North Luffenham R.A.F. Station (which includes a large number of properties in the parish of Edith Weston), and also of providing a reserve supply for Cottesmore Aerodrome.

Water supplies in the District generally can be regarded as quite satisfactory in both quality and quantity. Analyses are made regularly by the staff of the Leicester City Water Department, and no case of plumbo-solvency has ever been reported in this area. The fluoride content of the water supplies in any part of the District is less than 0.2 p.p.m., and the Council has already decided that no objection be raised to any proposal for the addition of fluoride to water supplies in this area.

Particulars of the piped supplies in the various parishes, as required by the Ministry of Health, are as follows:-

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WATER SUPPLIESOAKHAM RURAL DISTRICT COUNCIL

| Name of Parish. | | No. of dwellings with piped water supply. | Farm and Other Connections. |
|----------------------|------|---|--------------------------------|
| ASHWELL | L | 90 | 20 |
| BARLEYTHORPE | L | 42 | 7 |
| BARROW | L | 21 | 10 |
| BRAUNSTON | L | 109 | 19 |
| BROOKE | L | 4 | 5 |
| BURLEY | L | 88 | 34 |
| COTTESMORE | L | 201 | 31 |
| EDITH WESTON | L | 373 | 13 |
| EGLETON | P | 21 | 4 |
| EMPINGHAM | L | 219 | 24 |
| EXTON | L | 210 | 44 |
| GREETHAM | L | 160 | 21 |
| GUNTHORPE | P | 8 | 1 |
| HAMBLETON | L | 51 | 29 |
| HORN | L | 2 | 3 |
| LANGHAM | L | 304 | 33 |
| LEIGHFIELD | - | - | - |
| LYNDON | L | 32 | 6 |
| MANTON | L | 94 | 23 |
| MARKET OVERTON | L | 144 | 28 |
| MARTINSTHORPE | - | - | - |
| NORMANTON | L | 13 | 1 |
| STRETTON | L | 38 | 12 |
| TEIGH | L | 23 | 14 |
| THISTLETON | L | 32 | 11 |
| TICKENCOTE | L | 16 | 2 |
| WHISSENDINE | L | 268 | 35 |
| WHITWELL | L | 20 | 10 |
| COTTESMORE AERODROME | A.M. | 532 | - |
| | | <u>3115</u> | <u>440</u> |

L. Leicester City Water Department Supply

P. Private Piped Supply.

A.M. Air Ministry Supply.

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Sanitary Circumstances of the Area - continued.

Drainage and Sewerage

| | |
|--|-----|
| Number of septic tanks constructed during the year | 17 |
| Number of Cesspools abolished during the year | 1 |
| Total number on 31st December, 1966 | 285 |

Due attention was given during 1966 to the maintenance of existing sewers and village drains of the District, and general repairs were carried out as required. With periodical attention to the pumps and filtration plants the sewerage systems and sewage disposal works (where already installed at Braunston, Cottesmore and Greetham, Empingham, Edith Weston, Exton, Langham, Manton, Market Overton and Whissendine) continued to function satisfactorily.

The sewers of two small villages, namely Barleythorpe and Eggleton, which are both situated in close proximity to the town of Oakham, are now connected to the disposal work of the Oakham Urban District Council where the sewage receives final treatment.

The alterations and extensions required to the Cottesmore sewage works, which serves the large R.A.F. Station at Cottesmore in addition to the village and Greetham, have been approved by the Ministry of Housing and Local Government and a tender for this work has been provisionally accepted by the Council. Installation is to be commenced early in 1967 on both Ashwell and Tickencote sewerage systems and sewage disposal works which have already received approval by both the Ministry and River Authority.

At the end of 1966 no definite decisions had been reached as to whether or not the sewerage of the small villages of Hambleton and Stretton should proceed. Schemes have already been drawn up, but these have been deferred on account of the heavy costs likely to be involved. It has been found that the expense involved in sewerage some smaller villages can be so great as to render the schemes uneconomic, particularly where properties are more scattered than is usual elsewhere in the district.

During 1966 twenty-two pail closets were converted to water lavatories, and at the end of the year the number of W.C's at the various premises was 2993, and there were also 129 pail closets still in use.

PUBLIC CLEANSING

At the commencement of 1966, weekly collections of refuse were made by direct labour at the Married Quarters of the R.A.F. Stations at Cottesmore and Edith Weston, and fortnightly collections from houses in the villages of the District. In April, the new "Packamatic" scavenging lorry was delivered, and the Council was able to give further consideration to the possibility of providing a weekly scavenging service to all villages. The older scavenging lorry was accordingly completely overhauled and the new weekly collections commenced in August. This new arrangement has proved most satisfactory to both residents and collectors, and it has been found that only isolated complaints are now received requiring investigation or attention.

Tipping is being carried out in a disused ironstone cutting at Barrow and on a site adjoining the Lyndon Road at Manton. Use is also being made for this purpose of a former stone quarry at Empingham.

Collections of night-soil have again been carried out by direct labour in most of the unsewered parishes in the District, and the Council have arranged for the emptying by Contractors of the village septic tank at Ashwell, and will continue to do so until the new sewerage system to be installed there is in full

operation. In addition several septic tanks situated on the Council's housing estates have been attended to by Contractors from time to time. Consideration is now being given to the matter of commencing a service for the emptying of cesspools and septic tanks throughout the District in order that occupiers of household premises in the more scattered parts of the District outside the range of the village sewerage systems may also receive assistance in the matter of final disposal of drainage from their dwellings.

SANITARY INSPECTION OF THE AREA

The particulars given under this heading are for all purposes including those given elsewhere in this report.

Total number of complaints received 488

Total number of defects or nuisances discovered 479

| <u>Nature of Inspections</u> | <u>Inspections</u> | <u>Re-visits</u> |
|------------------------------|--------------------|------------------|
| Dwelling Houses | 841 | 985 |
| Tents, Vans, Etc. | 28 | 62 |
| Slaughter Houses | Nil | Nil |
| Dairies and Cowsheds | 1 | 16 |
| Offensive Trades | Nil | Nil |
| Animal Keeping | 5 | 13 |
| Workshops, Etc. | 23 | 84 |
| Shops | 31 | 143 |
| Other Premises | 277 | 756 |
| | <u>1206</u> | <u>2059</u> |

The Public Health Inspector made 1166 visits to the various parishes of the District. In addition 14 visits were made outside the District.

Notice

| <u>Preliminary</u> | <u>Housing</u> | <u>Others</u> |
|----------------------------|----------------|---------------|
| Outstanding 1st January | - | - |
| Issued during the year | 395 | 84 |
| Complied with during year | 395 | 84 |
| Statutory action necessary | 11 | 4 |
| Outstanding 31st December | - | - |

Statutory

| | | |
|----------------------------|----|---|
| Outstanding 1st January | - | - |
| Issued during the year | 11 | 4 |
| Complied with during year | 11 | 4 |
| Statutory action necessary | - | - |
| Outstanding 31st December | - | - |

Shops

31 Inspections and 143 re-visits were made to shops in the District during 1966. Structural alterations were carried out at five of the premises and two of the smaller shops ceased to carry on business.

Camping Sites

| | |
|---|-----|
| Number of sites in the area used for camping purposes during the year | 28 |
| Number of camping sites for which licences have been issued .. | 28 |
| Estimated maximum number of campers resident in the area during summer months | 434 |

| <u>Regulated Buildings</u> | <u>Number in District</u> | <u>No. of Inspections</u> |
|----------------------------|---------------------------|---------------------------|
| Tents, Vans, Sheds, Etc. | 164 | 90 |

The figures shown under Camping Sites above do not include caravans or other temporary dwellings used on the local Aerodromes, which are subject to the direct control of the Government Department concerned.

During 1966 no further sites in the area were licensed for Camping purposes, and no applications to increase the number of vans on existing sites were received or approved.

Apart from several groups of vans at one of the R.A.F. Stations, the only large encampment authorised in the District is at Langham, used chiefly during the summer months, but with some caravan-dwellings occupied during the whole of the year. Suitable sanitary accommodation and other facilities have been provided by the owner of the land to the satisfaction of the Council, and no complaints concerning the premises have been received from any of the occupants there.

PEST CONTROL

The Control of Pests in the District has, in common with other Rutland District Councils, now been placed in the hands of Contractors, and their Operator makes regular calls at the offices to receive complaints and make arrangements to deal with rats and similar pests. During 1966 forty-eight premises were inspected and steps taken to ensure that these were free from infestation. 1966 was the first complete year that the new arrangement has been in operation, and this proved quite satisfactory.

HOUSING

Action under the Housing Acts during 1966 resulted in four premises being closed as unfit for habitation, and seven houses being demolished.

During the course of the year, payment of forty-three improvement grants under the Housing (Financial Provisions) Act, 1958 and the House Purchase and Housing Act, 1959 towards the costs of modernising private properties were approved subject to satisfactory completion of the works by the owners.

The total number of houses and bungalows owned by the Council at the end of 1966 was four-hundred-and-fifty-six, of which one-hundred-and-nine were built prior to 1940.

The number of applicants for Council Houses on the Housing Register at the close of the year was one-hundred-and-eighty-one, of which thirty-eight were from persons living outside of the District, and sixteen from tenants of Council Houses within the area who wished to exchange tenancies.

PROVISIONS OF NEW HOUSES DURING THE YEAR

During 1966, twenty-six houses at Cottesmore and Greetham were completed and let by the Council. Twenty additional houses and bungalows were also being built for the Council in the parishes of Empingham and Edith Weston.

Seventy-seven houses were built by private persons during 1966, and construction of further houses by the Air Ministry at the Married Quarters at the R.A.F. Stations at Cottesmore and Edith Weston was also in hand.

The Council has an additional site for house-building purposes at Manton, and it is hoped that building works there will be put in hand later on in 1967.

INSPECTION AND SUPERVISION OF FOOD

Milk Supply.

| | | | | |
|---|----|----|----|----|
| Number of Dairies (not being Farm Premises) on Register | .. | .. | .. | 1 |
| Number of inspections of premises.. | .. | .. | .. | 16 |
| Number of contraventions outstanding from previous year | .. | .. | .. | - |
| Contraventions remedied during year | .. | .. | .. | - |
| Number of contraventions outstanding 31st December | .. | .. | .. | - |

No ice-cream is manufactured in this area for sale, but there are twenty-nine premises registered by the Council from which pre-packed ice-cream is sold.

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| 11 | 12 | 13 | 14 | 15 | 16 | 17 | 18 | 19 | 20 |
| 21 | 22 | 23 | 24 | 25 | 26 | 27 | 28 | 29 | 30 |
| 31 | 32 | 33 | 34 | 35 | 36 | 37 | 38 | 39 | 40 |
| 41 | 42 | 43 | 44 | 45 | 46 | 47 | 48 | 49 | 50 |

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Meat and other Foods

Twenty-four inspections were made of Meat Shops, Meat Stores and Preparing Rooms, and eighty inspections and re-inspections of premises where food other than meat was kept or prepared for sale.

The usual method of disposing of condemned food in this District is by burning.

Since slaughtering at the last three remaining slaughter-houses in this District ceased on June 30th, 1963 (as required by the Ministry of Agriculture, Fisheries and Food under the provisions of the Slaughterhouse Act of 1958), all meat sold from the five butchers' shops in this District has been obtained from animals killed elsewhere, and no difficulty seems to have arisen in maintaining a constant supply.

During 1966 it was necessary to arrange for the condemnation and destruction of 12 lbs. of ox-kidney and 12 $\frac{1}{2}$ lbs. of ox-liver.

FOOD HYGIENE (GENERAL) REGULATIONS 1960

The whole of the shops in the District were inspected and practically all reinspected during the course of 1966 for the purpose of securing compliance with the above Regulations. It was again found that, generally speaking, the shops were very well maintained and the requirements relating to the handling of foods were being observed in a satisfactory manner.

NATIONAL ASSISTANCE ACT 1948 - Section 47 - Removal to suitable premises of persons in need of care and attention

It was unnecessary during 1966 to take legal action to remove any elderly persons to suitable Homes under Section 47 of the National Assistance Act. Enquiries were, however, carried out in several cases where information was received that old people might be living in difficult circumstances, but in no instance was direct intervention by this Council required to secure the removal of persons concerned.

THE OFFICE, SHOPS AND RAILWAY PREMISES ACT, 1963

During 1966 fifty-one inspections were made at the twenty-five registered premises for the purposes of the Regulations. There are no large industrial establishments, wholesale warehouses or shops in the District; the premises concerned are mostly very small.

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APPENDIX

Factories Act, 1961

Prescribed Particulars on the Administration
of the Factories Act, 1961.

PART 1 OF THE ACT

1 - INSPECTIONS for purposes of provisions as to health
(including inspections made by Public Health Inspectors).

| Premises (1) | No. on Reg- ister. (2) | Number of | | |
|---|---------------------------------|--------------------------|----------------------------|---------------------------------|
| | | Inspec- tions. (3) | Written Notices. (4) | Occupiers Prosecuted. (5) |
| (1) Factories in which Sec- tions. 1,2,3,4, & 6 are to be enforced by Loc- al Authorities | 1 | 11 | 1 | - |
| (2) Factories not included in (1) in which Sec- tion 7 is enforced by the Local Authority. .. | 4 | 21 | - | - |
| (3) Other Premises in which Section 7 is enforced by the Local Authority (Excluding out-workers' Premises)... | 18 | 75 | 4 | - |
| TOTAL... | 23 | 107 | 5 | - |

2 - Cases in which Defects were found:-

| Particulars (1) | Found (2) | Remedied (3) | To H.M. Inspec- tor. (4) | By H.M. Inspec- tor. (5) | Number of cases in which prosecutions were instituted. (6) |
|--|------------------|---------------------|-----------------------------------|-----------------------------------|--|
| Want of Cleanliness. (S.1.) | - | - | - | - | - |
| Sanitary Conveniences (S.7.) (b) Unsuitable or defective. | 1 | 1 | - | - | - |
| Other Offences against the Act (not including offences relating to Outwork) | 4 | 4 | - | - | - |
| TOTAL | 5 | 5 | - | - | - |

PART VIII OF THE ACT

Outwork
(Section 133 and 134)

| Nature of work. | Section 133 | | | Section 134 | | |
|-------------------------------|---|--|---|--|------------------------|----------------------|
| | No. of out-workers in August list required by Section 133 (1) (c) (2) (2) | No. of cases of default in sending list to the Council. (3) | No. of Prosecutions for failure to supply lists. (4) | No. of instances of work in unwholesome premises. (5) | Notices served. (6) | Prosecutions. (7) |
| Wearing apparel. Making, etc. | 26 | - | - | - | - | - |
| Lace, lace curtains and nets. | 2 | - | - | - | - | - |
| Artificial flowers. | 4 | - | - | - | - | - |
| Furniture and Upholstery. | - | - | - | - | - | - |
| TOTAL | 32 | - | - | - | - | - |

